

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1888.

## NEWS CONDENSED.

## EASTERN.

The Vermont Central railway litigation, which has been in the courts for thirty years, ended by the decrees of foreclosure being withdrawn. The company will now be reorganized.

Mr. Dukes, the slayer of Dr. Nutt, was served with a notice by citizens of Uniontown, Pa., that he must leave the city within twenty-four hours. Mr. Dukes paid no attention to the warning, although he kept his room. The report is current at Uniontown that Dr. Nutt's eldest son and daughter (the latter the subject of the controversy which occasioned her father's death) are watching for an opportunity to kill Dukes.

George W. Conkling, Jr., who killed William H. Haverstick, his sister's paramour, in New York last week, has been discharged from custody, the court deciding that Conkling acted in self-defense.

E. G. Weichman & Co., jobbers of woollens, of New York, have failed, with liabilities amounting to \$800,000.

A Pittsburgh firm has received a large order from India for a heavy quality of barbed wire. The order states the wire is to be used for confining elephants, lions, tigers, and other large animals.

N. L. Dukes sent a letter to the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House, requesting that his seat be declared vacant, in which the members promptly concurred.

The Delaware Legislature has passed a bill increasing the fine on unlicensed drummers from other States, and adds a clause punishing officers who arrest salesmen and accept a bribe for their release.

James Bennett died at Housatonic, Mass., aged 101. He was a native of Kewstock, England, and came to this country in 1820. He was an intimate friend of Sidney Dillon.

Engineer Hosley, whose negligence caused the death of George B. Phillips by a railroad collision at Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 19, has been found guilty of manslaughter.

Salmi Morse produced his "Passion Play" at New York before a great audience. Some scenes in the drama met with unequivocal approval, but certain portions of the dialogue were tediously dull.

The chair manufacture of Harwood Brothers, of Leominster, Mass., was destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$75,000. Seventy-five hands are thrown out of employment.

A tow of thirty-seven coal barges broke from their moorings at Pittsburgh, Pa., and were swept rapidly down the river, colliding with several steamers, one of which was sunk, and a number of other barges, which also sunk. The damage done is estimated at \$50,000.

## WESTERN.

Two colored men, Henry Ross and Henry Deugh were found at Rocky Fork, six miles north of Alton, Ill., murdered, with their heads shattered and brains protruding, having been slaughtered with shot-gun while asleep. They lived in a house alone. There is no clew to the murderers.

Six corpses were removed from the Diamond mine, near Braidwood, Ill., on the 1st inst., making thirty-five recovered up to that date. The bodies brought out of the death-pit were identified as being Ike Pearson, John Pearson, James Pearson, Thomas Rogers, Hugh Ramsey and Andy Fulton. They were not identified by their features, as they were unrecognizable. Wives, brothers, sisters and mothers were frantic over the unsightly appearance of the bodies. The exploring party that brought the bodies out were stupefied with whisky and quinine. This was on account of the terrible stench that arose from the decomposed bodies. Another exploring party was to have gone down on the evening of the 1st inst., but they refused to re-enter the mine, on account of the perilous nature of the undertaking.

An Arizona dispatch reports that Capt. Dougherty, who is scouting the country between Dragon Summit and Sulphur Valley, Arizona, has orders from Gen. Crook to take no hostile Indians prisoner. The Shoshone guards, of Shoshone, N. M., were in close pursuit of the depredating Apaches, who had been obliged to abandon their horses and plunder and take to the mountains on foot. Capt. Thompson, with a detachment of the Fourth cavalry, was to follow the Indians into Mexico if necessary.

Six of the crew of the tow-boat Polar Star, plying between Cairo and St. Louis, lost their lives by the explosion of one of the boilers when opposite Belmont, Mo.

Mrs. Margaret Beck, of Massillon, Ohio, aged 50, filled her pockets with stones and iron, tied an iron stove grate about her waist, and jumped into the city pond. When taken out life was extinct.

A portion of the rolling-stock of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad Company has been seized at Albert Lea, Minn., at the suit of the Northwestern Fuel Company, which claims \$1,351,550 damages for violation of contract.

## SOUTHERN.

The Legislature of Arkansas has enacted a law that invites competition from any part of the Union for the State printing, there being no provision, even, that the work shall be done at the capital of the State.

The boiler of a saw-mill at Bethel, N. C., exploded Wednesday evening. The mill was destroyed and Henry Allen, a white man, and James Moss, a negro, were killed.

The act for the payment of the debt of the city of Memphis has become a law, the first interest becoming payable July 1 next. An ample tax has been levied, and it will be paid promptly.

Reports from Northwestern Texas concerning the prospects of the crops are very discouraging. In many places the wheat and oats crops are being plowed up, and the land prepared for corn, of which the average will be very large. Fruit has suffered from

cold all over the State, and the crop will be short.

Thos. H. Herndon, Congressman-elect from the First Alabama district, died last week at Mobile.

The chemical works of Alonzo L. Thompson, at South Baltimore, Md., were damaged by fire to the extent of \$50,000; fully covered by insurance.

The Tennessee Legislature has adopted the bill making it a felony to keep a gambling-house or to rent rooms to be used for gambling purposes.

John Young went home, near Tallahassee, Fla., the other evening, and found his little daughter on the ground with her throat cut from ear to ear, and his wife on the floor of the house with a load of buckshot in her body. Both were dead.

## WASHINGTON.

The Grand Jury of the District of Columbia made presentations against T. J. Brady, late Second Assistant Postmaster General, and William Pitt Kellogg, late Senator and Congressman-elect from Louisiana. Brady is charged with receiving various sums of money from J. B. Price, as an inducement to award "expedited" contracts to Price, and Kellogg is presented for conspiracy and for receiving money from Price as a compensation for bringing his Senatorial and personal influence to bear upon Brady for the purpose of inducing him to award to Price certain mail-route contracts in Louisiana and Texas.

The Cabinet has decided to prepay \$5,000,000 of the bonds called for May, and it is probable this amount will be increased if the money stringency continues. No representative of the treasury was present at the meeting.

Joseph Tyssowski, of Washington, has been appointed Chief of the Mineral Division of the General Land Office, vice Sickles, resigned.

First Comptroller Lawrence is reported as having decided that Tom Ochiltree, of Texas, is entitled to his salary as Congressman.

The Postoffice Department has placed the following names on the list of frauds: W. M. Clinton & Co. and Comet Publishing Company, Bloomington, Ill.; Western Card Company, Normal, Ill.; Union Novelty Company, Mount Pulaski, Ill.; Star Publishing Company, Atlanta, Ill.; agents for the Guide and the Guide Publishing Company, Lincoln, Ill. The Postmasters at the places mentioned have been directed to discontinue the delivery to these addresses of money orders and registered packages.

Secretary Folger appointed Capt. T. M. Burrill, of New York, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to succeed to the late Col. Irish.

E. O. Graves has been promoted to the position of Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in place of Mr. Wyman, appointed Treasurer.

## POLITICAL.

The bill prohibiting political assessments on public officials has been read a third time in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

A report in favor of the repeal of the law making the payment of the poll tax prerequisite to the exercise of the right of suffrage will be made to the Massachusetts Legislature at an early day.

An election will be held in Fayette county, Penn., April 24, to fill the seat in the House, died of Dukes.

Gen. S. R. Buckner announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Kentucky.

The Railroad Committee of the New York Assembly agreed to report favorably the Anti-Free-Pass bill. It applies only to granting passes to Supreme Court Judges, State officials and members and employees of the Legislature. Giving such passes by railroad companies is made a misdemeanor.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court has given an opinion that the General Assembly has no power to call a convention to revise the constitution of the State.

J. H. Brown, a member of the Legislature from Kanawha county, W. Va., has been nominated for Congress by the Republicans, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

Lieut. Danenhower, of the Jeannette expedition, has been granted one year's leave of absence.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The total earnings of the Bell Telephone Company last year were \$1,576,081, and the expenses amounted to \$668,987.

Lord & Munn, Montreal, shippers of produce to Great Britain, have made an assignment. Their liabilities verge upon half a million.

Among the passengers of the Westphalia, from Hamburg, which arrived at New York last week, were five survivors of the Jeannette Arctic expedition.

Frank Byrne, whom the informer Carey declared to be connected with the "Invincibles," and whose extradition from France was sought in vain by the British authorities, has arrived in New York.

Forty engine-drivers of the Nickel-Plate railroad quit work because of an order increasing their hours of labor from ten to twelve hours.

The President gave a dinner to Mrs. Christine Nilsson and a small party of friends at Chamberlain's.

A Cleveland family of four persons who ate "suene" on bread are lying at the point of death. It is supposed they are afflicted with trichina, though none of the bacteria were found in a portion of the compound analyzed.

Two soldiers of the Third Mexican cavalry lost their way near Chilpancingo and rode over a precipice. Both men and horses were dashed to atoms.

Business failures for the week ending March 30, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, numbered 182, as against 106 for the preceding week, distributed as follows: Western States, 58; New England, 14; Southern, 32; Middle, 22; Pacific and Territories, 15; New York city, 9; Canada, 32.

Chicago is in telephonic communication with New York city. It is said the wires work well the entire distance, and that a whisper is audible from either end.

The Canadian Minister of Finance, in laying the annual budget before Parliament, recommended a reduction of taxation

for the next fiscal year of \$1,250,000. A large number of articles will probably be added to the free list. A most satisfactory financial exhibit was made.

A subsidy of \$24,000 per annum for a monthly line of steamers to Antwerp has been granted by the Canadian Government.

Advices from prominent trade centers report a continued though not evenly distributed improvement throughout the country.

Three hangings occurred on Friday, March 30, and one of the victims was a woman. C. W. Beaver, a colored boy of 17, was hung in Virginia for rape. Another negro named Bristol paid the penalty for murder at Camden, S. C. Mrs. Emeline Meaker, the poisoner of her niece, was hung at Windsor, Vt. She is the first woman executed by legal process in the Green Mountain State.

The Great Western Insurance Company, of New York, has begun proceedings in the Court of Claims against the United States for the recovery of over \$500,000 claimed to be due the company out of the Geneva award, and other insurance companies are following the example of the Great Western. These proceedings are instigated in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Well case which overrules the Congressional decision that certain claims should not be paid out of the Mexican award.

The Rev. Isaac L. Nicholson, D.D., of Philadelphia, who was selected to be the Bishop of Indiana by the Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention early last month, has declined the office.

The Union machine shops and several business houses were destroyed by fire at Montreal. The loss was estimated at \$100,000, and was fully covered by insurance.

## The Animal Kingdom.

A curious amusement is afforded to the Siamese in the contests of the *Plaka*, or fighting fish, the *Betta pugnax*. The natives take as great interest in these aquatic combats as the Malays in cock-fighting. The Government farms these fights, and used to derive considerable income from them. The fish is exceedingly pugnacious, and no sooner is one of its kind placed in the same vessel than a fight takes place.

The Biscayan whale, which up to the seventeenth century was the one which made the fortunes of the whalers, has left but few traces in the museums. In Europe, Copenhagen has one skeleton, and Naples another; Rochelle possesses a humerus. Ostend some vertebrae, Lisbon a shoulder-blade, and this is almost all. It is very probable that the skeleton of a young whale in the museum in the Academy of Sciences belongs to this species, for the almost total extermination of which New England and Gascony are almost equally responsible.

It was in September. The owls had killed some of our most valuable fowls. One night I was aroused by loud squalling and cackling among some fowls that roosted in some cedar trees that stood almost under the window where I slept. I jumped up, seized my gun and ran out. I could hear the owl as he darted at his victim, but would fail to strike it, but I could not see it in the darkness. I threw up my gun and touch both triggers—a splendid snap shot. I hear something strike the ground. Walking up to the tree there lies a turkey and further on a chicken.

A Baltimore man and wife committed suicide, and between the dead bodies their pet, a large Spitz dog, took up his position and could not be coaxed or driven away. Several times the officers approached him with the intention of seizing the dog by the collar, but each time he was on the alert, barking furiously and jumping at them. The faithful animal had to be lassoed, and even then he made terrific exertions to prevent being dragged away. He was pulled from the bed only to jump back at the officers, and they beat him with a cane. He was finally dragged into an adjoining room, where he scratched at the door and howled pitifully to get back into the room.

LIFE has no charms for the poor clerk whose salary is mortgaged three months ahead to pay for his wife's furnished car.

## THE MARKET.

NEW YORK.			
BEEVES.....	\$ 6.10	@	\$ 7.80
HOGS.....	7.70	@	8.10
CORN.....	3.25	@	3.40
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....	1.19	@	1.11
No. 2 Red.....	1.21	@	1.13
CORN—No. 2.....	.66	@	.67
OATS—No. 2.....	.67	@	.68
PORK—Mess.....	19.00	@	19.25
LARD.....	11.45	@	11.54
CHICAGO.			
BEEVES—Good to Fancy Steers.....	6.15	@	7.25
Cows and Heifers.....	5.50	@	6.75
Medium to Fair.....	5.75	@	6.10
HOGS.....	5.50	@	6.10
FLOUR—Fancy White Winter Ex.....	5.90	@	5.25
Medium to Fair.....	5.75	@	5.10
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	1.05	@	1.08
No. 2 Red Winter.....	1.08	@	1.09
CORN—No. 2.....	.41	@	.42
OATS—No. 2.....	.41	@	.42
RYE—No. 2.....	.58	@	.59
BUCKEYE.....	.75	@	.77
HUTCHER.....	.75	@	.77
EGGS—Fresh.....	.37	@	.38
PORK—Mess.....	18.00	@	18.25
LARD.....	11.45	@	11.54
MILWAUKEE.			
WHEAT—No. 2.....	1.96	@	1.074
CORN—No. 2.....	.41	@	.42
OATS—No. 2.....	.41	@	.42
RYE—No. 2.....	.57	@	.58
BUCKEYE.....	.75	@	.77
PORK—Mess.....	18.25	@	18.50
LARD.....	11.45	@	11.54
ST. LOUIS.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.08	@	1.11
CORN—Mixed.....	.47	@	.48
OATS—No. 2.....	.47	@	.48
RYE.....	.47	@	.48
PORK—Mess.....	19.00	@	19.25
LARD.....	11.45	@	11.54
CINCINNATI.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.10	@	1.12
CORN.....	.64	@	.66
OATS.....	.64	@	.66
RYE.....	.64	@	.66
PORK—Mess.....	18.25	@	18.50
LARD.....	11.45	@	11.54
TOLEDO.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.10	@	1.11
CORN.....	.67	@	.68
OATS.....	.64	@	.65
DETROIT.			
FLOUR.....	4.25	@	4.50
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....	1.25	@	1.26
CORN—No. 2.....	.84	@	.86
OATS—Mixed.....	.48	@	.49
LARD.....	15.50	@	15.75
INDIANAPOLIS.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.07	@	1.08
CORN.....	.64	@	.65
OATS—Mixed.....	.42	@	.43
EAST LIBERTY, PA.			
CATTLE—Best Fair.....	6.85	@	7.10
Common.....	6.50	@	6.75
HOGS.....	6.90	@	6.25
SHEEP.....	7.50	@	8.20